

York plans to upgrade facilities for handicapped

By PAULA ZARNETT

An Accessibility Study Report on the Physical Environment of York University for Handicapped students has been submitted to various university officials in order to examine this problem in greater depth.

The study, directed by Valmik Persad, Director of Community Relations for the Atkinson College Students' Association, outlines and promotes an understanding of the difficulties encountered by wheelchair users, and recommends changes in the physical characteristics of the University that would alleviate such difficulties. The focus is on four main targets; emergency fire exits, entrance/exit accessibility, floor accessibility (elevators), and washroom facilities.

There are approximately 100 handicapped students currently enrolled at York Patrick Cluskey, the Director of the Centre for Handicapped Students, said that the focus is "to encourage our students to be independent, assertive, and to assist them in their experience throughout the university system."

There are presently not enough accessibility routes for the handicapped and insufficient washroom facilities. Some colleges do not have handicapped washroom facilities at all. Cluskey said this may interfere with the handicapped students being able to attend a class with a certain professor due to these inadequate facilities.

Iana Yuditsky, Assistant to the Coordinator of the Centre for Handicapped Students, finds York's campus very inaccessible. She said, "There are many buildings that pose physical problems for our handicapped students and there are too few ramps on steep inclines which people in wheelchairs can't push themselves up." She cites three examples; outside of Petrie Science Building, outside of Tait Mackenzie, and the tunnel.

Cluskey said that "recently the shower in Vanier has been renovated as well as the washroom in the Scott Library but renovations such as these are costly." Cluskey anticipates that "major improvements will only come when we can get more money from the government."

Provost Tom Meininger regards

the accessibility report as being excellent and said "the people who put it together are to be highly complimented."

Meininger believes that "because we are a relatively new University, we have been able to strive in that direction and have made considerable progress so far." He regards York's accessibility as being good except for some major problems such as outside Tait Mackenzie and accessibility to colleges other than Vanier.

Meininger said that "consideration is now being given to the inclusion of larger needs for the university's annual submission to the ministry for capital resources."

On the whole, the Provost believes that "we are an accessible campus, but we must become much more."

Persad anticipates that some of the recommendations in the report will be implemented within the next two years. He said that plans are already underway to upgrade the washroom facilities for the handicapped in the Scott Library.

Senate outlines strike legislation

By JAMES FLAGAL

The Senate of York University has created legislation to protect both students and the academic program in the event of a strike.

Two types of strike legislation were created: legislation for strikes of short duration and legislation for strikes of long duration.

A problem arises over which strike legislation should be implemented. A senate source said the strike legislation needs a lot more development so it can be standardized for any strike situation.

ERRATUM:
In last week's article "Roberts Centre opens in Scott," John Lennox, Acting Director of the Centre, was insufficiently identified. Also, in the article "First ever student conduct report submitted to president," law student Brian Tarin was incorrectly identified. *Excalibur* regrets these errors.

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Halloween Report

By JOSH PATON

Halloween. The mere word conjures up images of ghosts and goblins, witches and werewolves, aliens and vampires, all descending on the neighborhoods of Toronto. The little pirhana roam from door to door, crying out with savagery the infamous Halloween threat "Trick or Treat."

Hungry they stuff their booty into plastic bags which are often larger than themselves, and meeting no resistance, they continue on to the next victim. And why not? What sane person dares oppose these ungodly creatures, dares to deny them their treats and risk unspeakable retribution? Fearing the consequences of a refusal, we all give in to this "legalized extortion."

Until now. It is time to fight back. But what can be done to reclaim the streets from Satan's children, to end their reign of terror? On Halloween the battlefield is the Twilight Zone and the method is psychological warfare. In short, confuse the hell

out of them. Here's how:

- 1) Pretend that you're a dentist and give out toothbrushes.
- 2) Yell "Trick or Treat" before they can.
- 3) Tell them you gave at the office.
- 4) When they offer "Trick or Treat," say "Trick."
- 5) Dress up like Count Floyd and say in your best vampire accent "Good evening, we don't get too many visitors in this part of Pennsylvania" (maniacal laugh is optional).
- 6) Ask them what punkrockers are supposed to do on Halloween. (Dress up as normal people!)
- 7) Tell them Harry Houdini died on Halloween (it's true), but from eating too much candy.
- 8) Pull a Charlie Brown and tell them that the Great Pumpkin is going to appear in a Pumpkin Patch and bring them presents.
- 9) Ask them if they will accept traveller's cheques.
- 10) If all else fails, tell them that Halloween was last night and they missed it.

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Another problem which exists is making the students aware of the legislation. According to the source, "the students must be notified of their written rights, so no one will receive unfair treatment during a strike."

Both legislations cover test and lecture make-ups, essay deadlines and extensions, and the rights of students during the strike for those attending or not attending classes.

The Senate advises the legislation be taken as guidelines by both teaching staff and students. The legislation also acts as channels of appeal where students can voice their concerns over situations occurring during the strike.

York salutes UN's birthday

By SHARON ANDRES

The United Nations Organization celebrated its 40th anniversary at York with a flag-raising ceremony.

The Association for Bahai Studies Students, the Office of Student Affairs, and the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) collaborated to increase the awareness of the UN with York students.

Payam Akhavan, of Bahai Studies, gave a brief introduction of what UN Day is and while the UN flag was being unfurled Dean Traves spoke about the "youth as leaders of tomorrow."

The International Year of the Youth coincides with the UN's 40th birthday to emphasize to the youth of today that the world of tomorrow will be in their hands. Akhavan states "it is deplorable to see the lack of support at York of the UN" and he hopes events like this one will inform people of world problems and the immediate need to overcome them.

In spite of the "borrowed flag and the bad weather," states George Seravalle of the Office of Student Affairs, "approximately 25-30 people showed up for the 15 minute ceremony that ran smoothly."

This Hallowe'en what are you going to be?



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Ima Blahdom
Strives to be receptionist at WKRP.



Les Apt
Secretly desires to be a brain surgeon.



Bessie Utter
She'll wear the Dairy Princess's crown.



Floyd Wiener
Assumes an exotic dancer's identity.



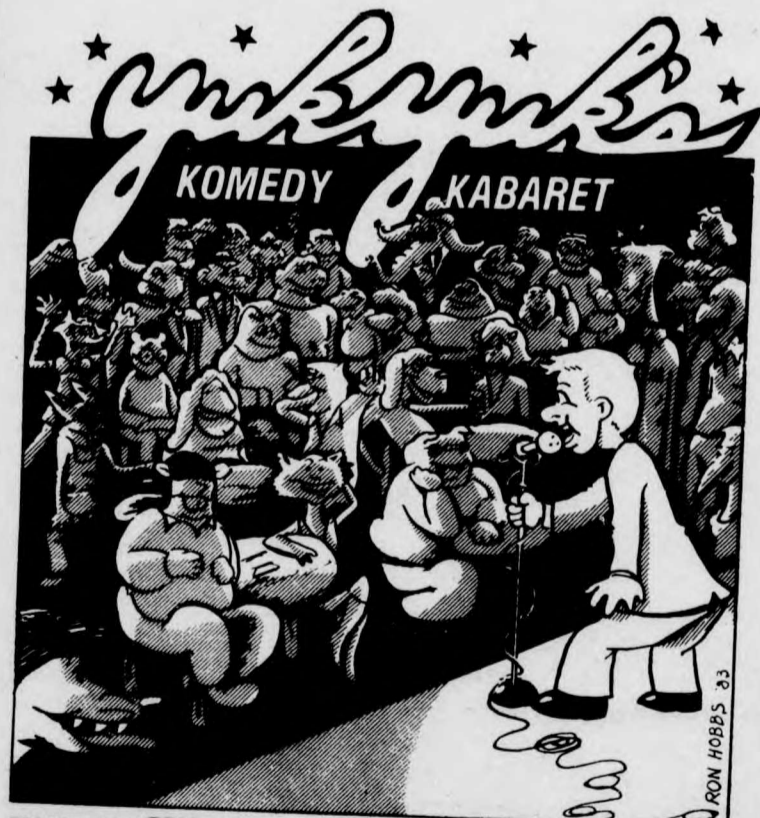
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